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Testimony supporting rejection of Bills #6, 7, and 9 and in favor of passing Bill #8: Dear City Council Zoning Committee:

I hope you will vote to oppose any more B&Bs in residential zones. This has really become a quality of life issue. Our home is in a residential neighborhood in Kailua. We have experienced a gradual increase in population density in our neighborhood over the past thirty years and every Kailua resident who has been here that long will complain about the increased traffic, crime, infrastructure deterioration, and ocean/stream water pollution in Kailua.

In other words, we have exceeded capacity many years ago. Neighborhood streets are crammed with cars because people have subdivided their homes into rental units and vacation rentals, even though these neighborhoods were never zoned for that. Kailua Town is a traffic snarl now most times of the day. Kailua is not the same sleepy, pleasant town it once was. Some of the streets in my neighborhood are starting to resemble apartment/Waikiki style living because there are cars parked up and down the streets. My neighbors have had serious noise issues with vacation rentals next door to them.

More vacation rentals will only serve to intensify a problem already out of control. Kailua was an area slated as "No growth" on the state Master Plan, yet zoning laws continue to be ignored, people continue to enclose carports and garages in my neighborhood and turn them into rental units—both long term residence and vacation rentals. Somehow they get building permits for all of these alterations which are in violation of the zoning laws.

The city council needs to take the higher ground and start thinking about sustainability issues, quality of life issues, and preserving a feeling of community within areas of the island. I was raised in Los Angeles and I can tell you all about alienation, anger, road rage, pollution and crime issues that arise with increased population density in areas.

Thank you for your consideration of my views. Sincerely,

Beth Anderson

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